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Recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship between the
United States of America and the Republic of Indonesia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. INOUE) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship
between the United States of America and the Republic
of Indonesia.

Whereas the historical ties between the United States and the
Indonesia go back to the period of Indonesian struggle
for independence and the early years of its independence
in 1945;

Whereas the constitutionally required “free and active” for-
eign policy of Indonesia has largely resulted in a close re-
lationship with the United States, and this relationship
reflects the growing connections between the developed
and the developing world;

Whereas, following the effects of the Asian financial crisis in
1998, Indonesia has instituted numerous democratic re-
forms, including—

(1) amending the country's constitution in order to be more democratic and transparent;

(2) holding the country's first ever direct presidential election in 2004 and direct, nationwide local elections starting in 2006; and

(3) giving the judicial branch independent administrative and financial responsibility for all courts in 2004;

Whereas the government of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the first directly elected President of Indonesia, is strongly committed to strengthening the country's democracy and remains focused on developing good governance and promoting and protecting human rights, civil liberties, a free press, and a vibrant civil society;

Whereas the Government of Indonesia continues to reform its military in accordance with internationally accepted democratic principles;

Whereas Indonesia signed a peace agreement in August 2005 ending the conflict in Aceh, met its obligations under the agreement, oversaw the return of normalcy to Aceh, and held free, transparent, and peaceful elections for local government leaders in December 2006;

Whereas the Government of Indonesia has worked and continues to work toward peaceful solutions to other internal conflicts, including Papua, with concern for the welfare and security of the entire population;

Whereas, in parallel with the recovery of Indonesia's economic and political stability following the 1998 Asian financial crisis, the country has regained its pivotal role in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and continues to work toward a secure, peaceful, and vibrant Southeast Asia, particularly by proposing success-

fully the ASEAN Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community, and the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community;

Whereas the Government and people of Indonesia have endured several terrorist bombings, have shown resilience in the fight against international terrorism by apprehending and bringing to justice numerous perpetrators, and remain open to international cooperation in this area;

Whereas the Government of Indonesia, together with the Governments of Malaysia and Singapore as fellow littoral states and user-countries, has maintained and is further strengthening efforts to secure the important international shipping lane in the Malacca Strait;

Whereas, as shown in international fora, the Government of Indonesia remains committed to addressing the problems related to the control of the spread of weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas the Government of Indonesia has deployed a military battalion to support the United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL) peacekeeping operations, and as the world's largest Muslim democracy, has made important contributions to the facilitation of various dialogues among Islamic factions in the Middle East; and

Whereas, though the Government of Indonesia has shown significant progress in the areas of democracy, good governance, human rights, and counter terrorism, there remains much to be done and many reforms yet to be implemented: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes the progress made by the Gov-
2 ernment of Indonesia in its efforts to promote de-
3 mocracy;

4 (2) expresses ongoing support for further demo-
5 cratic reform in Indonesia and the efforts of the
6 Government and the people of Indonesia toward de-
7 veloping good governance;

8 (3) encourages the Government and the People
9 of Indonesia to continue working to ensure the pro-
10 motion and protection of human rights, civil lib-
11 erties, a free press, and a strong civil society in In-
12 donesia; and

13 (4) encourages the President, the Secretary of
14 State, and other officials of the United States Gov-
15 ernment to continue assisting the Government of In-
16 donesia in its efforts to promote democracy and en-
17 sure the liberty and welfare of the people of Indo-
18 nesia.

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